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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, TSPA, AS
SUBJECT: SEASAT-A SATELLITE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

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(B) STATE 42627 (DTG: 171804Z FEB 78)
(C) CANBERRA 1828 (DTG: 100652Z MAR 78)

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SEPARATE SOURCES IN A/DOD AND DFA THAT GOA APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED SEASAT OBSERVATION PROGRAM WILL BE FORTHCOMING BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. AS DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE, GOA APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED PROGRAM HAS BEEN HELD UP PENDING RESOLUTION OF SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN QUESTIONS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. WE RECOMMEND THAT DMA OBSERVATION TEAMS PREPARE TO COME TO AUSTRALIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF FORMAL APPROVAL. THERE ARE NO REMAINING HITCHES, BUT BOTH A/DOD AND DFA WISH TO OBTAIN MINISTERIAL CONSENT, WHICH PROBABLY CANNOT BE GOTTEN BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26.

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2. FYI, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT BRITISH TEAM WILL NOT NOW BE COMING TO MAN THE SEASAT OBSERVATION SITE AT PERTH, IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, BUT THAT THIS SITE WOULD, RATHER, BE MANNED BY A U.S. TEAM PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE PERSONNEL. HIGH A/DOD OFFICIAL IMPLIED THAT AUSTRALIAN APPROVAL FOR PROGRAM WAS PREDICATED ON ASSUMPTION THAT BRITISH PARTICIPATION WAS NO LONGER

ANTICIPATED. PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST IF THIS IS NOT RPT
NOT THE CASE.
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